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SUMMARY  
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HIMSELF AND OFFER A SINCERE DIALOGUE TO THE KEY OPPOSITION  
LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

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THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WASTING ITS TIME WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL DIALOGUE COMMISSION AND "MESAS DE DIALOGO." RECOGNIZING THAT NO ONE IN THE OPPOSITION BELIEVES ANY SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY,

CHAVEZ HIMSELF NEEDS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND OFFER A SINCERE DIALOGUE TO THE KEY OPPOSITION LEADERS. AFTER ALL, "THERE IS NO REVOLUTION," HE EMPHASIZED. PLAYING ON THE TITLE OF THE FAMOUS VENEZUELAN BOOK "DE BUEN SALVAJE AL BUEN REVOLUCIONARIO," CHAVEZ NEEDS TO GO FROM BEING THE "GOOD REVOLUTIONARY" TO BEING "A GOOD STATESMAN."

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5. [REDACTED] WAS ENCOURAGED THAT THE CARTER VISIT MIGHT HAVE HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE POLITICAL CRISIS IS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY ABOUT IDEOLOGY AND THAT THE ALL THE PARTIES COULD WORK TOGETHER ON FIXING THE ECONOMY AND FIGHTING POVERTY. BUT HE WORRIED THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS BECOMING TOO INTRANSIGENT [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: TRACES OF HOPE

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7. (C) POLITICIANS LIKE [REDACTED] AMONG THE FEW IN THE CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE A SENSE OF HOW "CONSENSUS-DRIVEN" POLITICS USED TO BE PLAYED IN VENEZUELA.

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[REDACTED]

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HE HAS A LOT TO LOSE IF THE NATION FALLS APART. WE BELIEVE HIM A SINCERE ADVOCATE OF REAL DIALOGUE, IF ONLY TO BUY TIME IN LEADING UP TO A POSSIBLE RECALL REFERENDUM NEXT YEAR A CONSTITUTIONAL EXIT THAT HE SUPPORTS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MAY BE STEERING CHAVEZ TOWARD A MORE PRAGMATIC COURSE. OF COURSE, TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE MEANS MAKING SOME CONCRETE CONCESSIONS, WHICH CHAVEZ PROBABLY SEES AS CONTRADICTING A "HOLDING WHAT THEY HAVE" STRATEGY, ESPECIALLY IF THE OPPOSITION FALLS TO

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